

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction to one of the following species as required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Embodiment 1 (Figs. 3-8)

Group II: Embodiment 2 (Figs. 9, 10)

Group III: Embodiment 3 (Fig. 11)

Group IV: Embodiment 4 (Figs. 12, 13)

By this response, applicants elect Group I (embodiments of which are illustrated in Figs. 3-8) without traverse. Claims 1-11 and 15, read on the species. Claims 1 and 15 are generic.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any other fee required by this document, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley

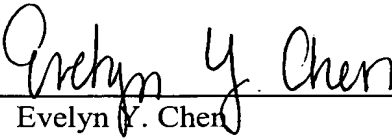
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Response to Restriction Requirement dated October 20, 2006

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Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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